

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A container~~Container~~ usable as a working space with a variable volume, comprising:

a unit comprised of a floor wall, a roof wall and at least one side wall that is foldable about a horizontal axis;

at least one expansion element arranged to be~~that is~~ movable out of the unit and~~container, the at least one expansion element~~ having a floor wall, a side open to the unit~~container~~ and a front wall situated opposite the open side and ~~being in a permanently fixed position relative to the floor wall, and being open~~ toward a top thereof, and, in a moved-out condition of the at least one expansion element, a roof wall ~~thereof of the at least one expansion element~~ being formed by an associated ~~folded open~~ side wall of the unit upon being folded open~~container~~;

a lifting device including a cable winch attached~~assigned~~ to the at least one expansion element for lowering the at least one expansion element such that, after moving of the expansion element out of the unit~~container~~, an upper surface of the floor wall of the moved-out expansion element and an upper surface of the floor wall of the unit~~container~~ are situated at the same level, and for lifting the

at least one expansion element such that, after lowering, the expansion element is movable back into the unite~~container~~; wherein the lifting device is configured to be active between the associated~~folded-open~~ side wall after being folded upon and an associated one of the at least one expansion element,

wherein tracks are provided on the at least one ~~foldable~~ side wall to guide the at least one expansion element, and

a first group of rollers being operatively attached~~associated~~ on the traveling carriages for moving the at least one expansion element out of or into the unite~~container~~ along the tracks, and a second group of rollers being operatively attached~~associated~~ on the traveling carriages with a cable of the cable winch for lifting and lowering the at least one expansion element, wherein the traveling carriages are slidably positioned in the tracks via the first group of rollers, and guided in the tracks via the first group of rollers.

2. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the unite~~container~~ has two foldable side walls and two expansion elements that are movable out of the unite~~container~~ in opposite directions from each other, the dimensions of the expansion elements being selected such that one expansion element is movable into the other expansion element, and a lifting device is attached to~~associated with~~ each expansion element to be effective between a ~~folded-open~~ side wall and an associated expansion element.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 1, wherein guiding devices for guiding the at least one expansion element during the lifting and lowering movement are arranged on the traveling carriages.

7. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~12, wherein the cable winch attached~~assigned~~ to the at least one expansion element comprises two cables secured~~associated~~ with one of two expansion elements so as to be windable off or on by a common drive.

8. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 1, wherein surface elements are provided to close gaps between the at least one expansion element and the associated ~~folded-open~~ side wall resulting from the lowering of the at least one expansion element, whereby an interior space is created which is completely closed off toward the outside of the unite~~container~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 8, wherein the surface elements have a multi- shell construction.

10. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 9, wherein a shell of the multi-shell surface element is provided for a gap between the front wall and the ~~foldable~~-side wall of the unit~~container~~ and is rigidly fastened to the ~~foldable~~-side wall thereof.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 8, wherein the surface elements are foldable away from the associated ~~foldable~~-side wall of ~~the basic container~~unit.

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 11, wherein the surface elements have a multi-shell construction.

13. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 8, wherein the surface elements are provided at a side wall of the at least one expansion element and are vertically movable with respect to the at least one side wall of the unit.

14. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 13, wherein the surface elements have a multi-shell construction.

15. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 13, wherein when the at least one expansion element is moved out of the unite~~container~~, the surface elements are guided in a path arranged at the tracks~~a track~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 8, wherein seals are provided for sealing between the surface elements and the expansion element ~~of the container~~.

17. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 16, wherein the surface elements have a multi-shell construction.

18. (Currently Amended) The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 17, wherein a shell of the multi-shell surface element is provided for a gap between the front wall and the at least one foldable side wall of the unite~~container~~ and is rigidly fastened to the at least one foldable side wall.

19. (Currently Amended) The Container~~Container~~ according to Claim 16, wherein the surface elements are foldable away from the ~~associated foldable~~ at least one side wall of the unite~~container~~.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The container~~Container~~ according to Claim 16, wherein the seals are at least one of sliding and contact seals.